

## IDF foils attack 2 terrorists killed in Hebron hills

Post Defence Reporter  
Israeli soldiers killed two terrorists who opened fire on an army patrol Friday night some 10 kilometres west of Hebron, military sources said yesterday.

The patrol spotted the two men at about 11 p.m. near the village of Idra. When ordered to stop and identify themselves, the two opened fire. The army spokesman said there were no IDF casualties.

The military sources said that in a search of the bodies the soldiers found four Russian-made hand grenades, a Russian gun of the type used by the PLO's Fatah faction, an Italian gun and two pocket-knives.

They also found maps of the area in English and Arabic and, on one of the bodies, a Fatah membership card.

The military sources were unable to say last night whether the two were local residents or had entered the territories from Jordan.

But an Israeli Television report last night said that among the possessions of the dead men were various goods, including cigarettes and underwear, that were apparently purchased recently in Jordan.

After the incident security forces imposed a curfew on the nearby Arab villages of Idra and Tarkuniya and questioned some of the residents.

## IDF officer killed in Lebanon attack

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Segen (Lieutenant) Yosef Binion, 21, of Moshav Eliphelet in Upper Galilee, was killed on Friday morning when a hand-grenade was thrown at an Israeli Defence Forces convoy in Nabatiya in southern Lebanon. An Israeli civilian, a building contractor, was also wounded.

An IDF unit which sped to the site of the incident opened fire at the source of the attack and later destroyed the house from which the grenade had been thrown.

Binion was buried this afternoon in Rosh Pina. He is survived by his parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Friday's attack was the first on an IDF unit in 10 days.

In another incident over the weekend, a Lebanese man was killed when he refused to halt his vehicle at an IDF checkpoint in Sidon.

Villagers in Marabe, south of Tyre, threw stones at an IDF unit which fired into the air. According to news agencies in Beirut, one civilian was wounded.

## Summer time won't change Saturday bus status quo

Public bus transport will not operate before the end of the Sabbath where this was not the case before the introduction of daylight saving time, the Transport Ministry said this weekend. Only where buses formerly started before the Sabbath's end will they continue to do so, pending a High Court decision on the matter.

In Jerusalem last night, buses leaving for Tel Aviv and Haifa set out only at 8 p.m., and not an hour earlier as had previously been decreed under an interim injunction issued by the High Court a week ago at the request of the Citizens Right Movement.

Last week's injunction forbade Egged to change its timetable and

ordered it to run buses from Jerusalem from 7 p.m., which is before the end of the Sabbath under daylight saving arrangements.

This week the Attorney General's Office sought the CRM's agreement to Egged's starting its service from Jerusalem at 8 p.m., pleading on the one hand Jerusalem's religious character and, on the other, the attorney general's instruction to the government to facilitate the running of public bus transport throughout the country at times customary before the introduction of summer time, Jerusalem being the sole exception.

High Court Justice Gabriel Bach granted the state's request and ruled that in Jerusalem buses should start no earlier than 8 p.m. (Iim)

## Arens expects Zorea report 'soon' on terrorists' death

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Defence Minister Moshe Arens said Friday he soon expects to receive the report on the investigation into the death of the two terrorists after their attempt to hijack a bus was foiled last month.

At least one of the two was reportedly photographed being led away from the Tel Aviv-Ashdod bus in the early morning of April 13. Arens was quoted as having said then that two of the four terrorists were killed and two captured. But later, the Israel Defence Forces spokesman said all four were dead. An army spokesman had told *The Jerusalem Post* the two arrived dead at the hospital.

Suspicion that the two were killed after the army raided the bus led to the formation of a two-man committee headed by Aluf (res.) Meir Zorea.

Sources in the Defence Ministry said yesterday they believed the committee, assisted by a legal ex-

pert, was studying the matter daily and an announcement will be made when the panel completes its work.

Asked whether the findings will be made public, a source said he supposed parts would be published. David Rudge adds:

Asked why it had taken so long to establish the formal inquiry, Arens told reporters in Haifa on Friday there had not been a long delay. The inquiry was set up following an unofficial probe that had been made into the security forces' handling of the rescue operation, he said.

Referring to the situation in Lebanon, Arens said the IDF would continue to stay in Southern Lebanon to ensure the safety of residents in the north of Israel.

He said the South Lebanon Army, formerly led by Major Saad Haddad, was being built up. Israel had reached some agreements with the force and he hoped that the security of Israel's northern borders could be made secure without keeping the IDF in Southern Lebanon.

## Czechs sixth to join Soviet Olympic pullout

PRAGUE (AP). — Czechoslovakia yesterday said it will not send a team to the Los Angeles Olympics, becoming the sixth country to follow the Soviet pullout.

East Germany, Bulgaria, Vietnam, Mongolia and Laos joined the boycott earlier.

In terms of medals won, Czechoslovakia came in 13th at the 1980 Olympics with two gold, three silver and nine bronze.

The Soviets, the East Germans and the Bulgarians, in that order were the top three medal winners in the 1980 Summer Games in Moscow, which was boycotted by 63

nations following the U.S. decision not to attend in protest of Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

In Moscow yesterday, a Mexican Olympics official, after meeting for two hours with Soviet Olympics Committee chairman Marat Gramov, said that the USSR does not appear ready to reconsider its boycott of the 1984 games.

Mario Vasquez Rana, president of the Association of National Olympic Committees, said Gramov indicated he was willing to listen to arguments favouring Soviet competition in the games and promised to attend the May 18 meeting of the International



Pupils in whiteface from the Ramallah French school stop to pose during a street-theatre performance in East Jerusalem on Friday. (Rahamim Israeli)

## 'Underground' may politicize trials

By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some of the suspects in the alleged Jewish terror underground are planning to represent themselves in court and turn their defence into a "political trial," sources have told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Indicating the direction this type of defence will take, Rabbi Moshe Levinger, who on Friday morning was allowed into the Russian Compound lockup to visit some of the suspects — including his son-in-law — said: "The root of all this trouble is with the government."

Jerusalem Magistrate Court President Judge Aharon Simha on Friday

afternoon remanded into an additional 14 days custody six of the suspects. A seventh suspect was released on IS250,000 bond. This man apparently was unconnected to the underground, but happened to have attended one of their meetings.

The plans for a "political trial" have added to the ferment inside the settlement community. Lawyers for the suspects are opposed to the plan, but there is growing support for such a courtroom strategy, particularly in Kiryat Arba and Hebron.

Meanwhile, there are three "categories" of suspects under arrest. One group, numbering about 10, are suspected of being involved in the actual plotting and operational

phases of the major cases for which they are being held.

The second group numbers about seven, and it includes those suspects who are expected to be charged with being accessories either before or after the fact.

The third group — including at least one major in the army — are considered to have been unwitting accessories.

The army major, for example, may have unwittingly supplied the intelligence information that enabled the group which bombed the West Bank mayors to pinpoint their targets.

The IDF officer was at the scene (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

## Heavy shelling in Beirut as talks flounder

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Shells slammed into residential areas of Christian and Moslem quarters of Beirut yesterday in the face of an apparent lack of political progress in resolving Lebanon's crisis.

The sound of explosions boomed across the capital at dusk. Security sources said the shells landed on populated areas in Moslem-dominated southwest Beirut and in several Christian districts in the east of the city.

They reported battles along the entire confrontation line in Beirut's southern suburbs, where a right-wing Christian militia and loyalist units of the Lebanese Army face Moslem militias.

In the first casualty reports, the Phalangist radio, broadcasting from East Beirut, said one woman had been killed and two wounded.

Beirut Radio, influenced by the Moslem militia, Amal, spoke of "barbaric shelling by the Lebanese Forces," the Christian militia, based in East Beirut. But the militia denied involvement.

Phalangist radio said shells from the Moslem-held west were landing at the rate of 10 a minute.

Radio stations on both sides interrupted their programmes with news flashes warning listeners not to venture outdoors.

Israel Radio yesterday reported that Iranian revolutionary Guard units yesterday began to pull out of Lebanon and are on their way home via Damascus.

The shelling has some of the heaviest Beirut has seen since a

national unity government was formed on April 30. One of its main tasks is to end the civil war, but it announced no significant measures after meeting on Thursday and Friday.

Beirut press and radio reports said the cabinet had run into problems over the thorny question of reorganizing the army. The reports said Moslems were proposing that the army, no longer be commanded by a single Maronite Christian, and the Christian politicians were resisting the idea.

But the cabinet did decide to look into the Israeli liaison office in the Christian village of Dbaiyeh, north-east of Beirut. Nabi Berri, minister of state for the south, said yesterday.

Berri told a news conference that Prime Minister Rashid Karamah and Finance Minister Camille Chamoun had been asked to make proposals to the cabinet.

Karamah has declared ridding South Lebanon of Israel's presence as one of his top priorities. But Chamoun has said the country should first establish peace in unoccupied areas.

Official sources said earlier this month that the government had asked Israel to close the office after Lebanon abrogated a troop withdrawal accord that gave Israel the right to establish a liaison mission.

In the dispute over the army, the Moslem ministers proposed setting up a six-man provisional command drawn from each of the country's main sects, newspapers said.

## Tax reform plan mooted

Post Economic Reporter

A proposal to raise the income tax threshold and cut the tax payable in the lowest bracket will be brought before the Ministerial Economic Committee this morning by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad.

The Treasury insisted yesterday that the proposal was not linked to the coming elections. "We have been working on it since February," a ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The proposed change would cut the lowest tax rate from 25 per cent to 20 per cent.

## Central bank to probe dollar-linked cheques

Post Economic Reporter

The Bank of Israel is to examine an initiative by the Israel Discount Bank to issue dollar-linked cheques to its largest clients.

Reports about Discount's move appeared on Friday. The bank's clients were offered the use of non-transferable cheques linked to the central bank's dollar exchange rate.

But unofficially senior bank officials do not conceal their lack of enthusiasm for the new move. It was widely interpreted as a step towards dollarization, which the bank opposes.

## Fire destroys trees at Ein Fash'ha preserve

Ein FASH'HA (Iim). — Fire brigades from the south of the country were fighting a fire last night in the Ein Fash'ha nature preserve that has destroyed trees and underbrush covering many square kilometres. Temperatures soared to 41 degrees in the Dead Sea yesterday.

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Olympics Committee in Lausanne. But Vasquez said he received no assurances from Gramov that top Kremlin officials, including Communist Party leader Konstantin Chernenko, would be willing to meet with International Olympics Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch.

The official news agency Tass yesterday placed most of the blame for the Soviet walkout on President Ronald Reagan.

Tass said the Soviet boycott was not political and was not called in retaliation for the U.S. boycott of the 1980 games. It accused White House officials of launching "an unprecedentedly vast anti-Soviet and anti-socialist campaign."

Tass also said the Reagan administration had planned to allow "rabid anti-Communist, Zionist and emigre organizations" to threaten Soviet athletes during the Olympics.

In Hot Springs, Virginia, Secretary of State George Shultz yesterday charged that the reasons given by the Soviets were "flimsy and false."



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Nahariya	17	18-35	36
Safed	17	18-35	36
Haifa Port	17	18-35	36
Tiberias	17	18-35	36
Nazareth	17	18-35	36
Afula	17	18-35	36
Sharon	17	18-35	36
Tel Aviv	17	18-35	36
B-G Airport	17	18-35	36
Jericho	11	20-41	41
Gaza	72	18-26	30
Beersheba	5	16-37	37
Eilat	5	21-40	38

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Israel-America Friendship Society, chaired by Raya Jaglom, held a reception in honor of the American Ambassador and Mrs. Lewis and the diplomatic staff at the U.S. Embassy on Thursday night at the Rebecca Sieff House in Tel Aviv. The reception was addressed by Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche and the society's president Arye Dulin.

## ARRIVALS

German Minister of Research and Technology, Helmut Riesenhuber, accompanied by his wife and three senior aides, as guests of Minister of Science and Development Yuval Ne'eman.

Robert and Joan Arrow, Daniel and Eyal Dunner, Larry and Rita Field, Arnold and May Forster, Irvin and Shirley Goldberger, Earl and Miriam Katz, Howard Shur, Martin Wint, from U.S.A.; Conrad Abrahams-Curiel, Lady Clarissa Avon, Eric and Jacqueline Charles, Lady Sarah Cohen, Mrs. Geddes, Irene Gibbs, Hyman and Irene Kreiman, Martin Pinner, Lord Weidenfeld, David Wernick, from England; Amb. Andre de Staacks, Madeleine Feller, Josef Gruenwald, Prof. Andre Jaumotte, Walter and Mary Louise Loridon, Gerard and Brigitte Philippon, Pavel Vanden Driessche, Frances Vaskil-Rossi, from Belgium; Erica and Thomas O. Hecht, Canada; Robert Lange, France; all for the 14th Board of Governors meeting of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Jack Spitzer, Hon. Pres. B'nai B'rith International, for the 14th Board of Governors Meeting of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

## Jerusalem woman, 107

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
A 107-year-old woman, Masada Shabarany, died in Jerusalem yesterday evening after suffering a heart attack. She had been in good health and totally independent until then, according to a grandson. She was born in Baghdad and immigrated to Israel in 1952. She is survived by four great-grandchildren and many others in the intervening generations.

The Council For A Beautiful Israel announces the

## Ceremonial Opening of the Beautiful Israel Week at the Presidential Residence, Jerusalem

Awards of Distinction will be presented, in the presence of the President to individuals who, and public enterprises which have endeavored to create a more beautiful Israel.

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- Community Sport Facility — Jerusalem Municipality Combined Sport Project.

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- Kiryat Malachi Transportation Base, Kiryat Malachi

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## HOME AND WORLD NEWS

## Knesset business as usual in short summer session

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN

Post Knesset Reporter

Although the Knesset has voted for its early dissolution, a normal summer term will open tomorrow. In view of the forthcoming elections, however, the summer session will be a short one. Instead of winding up at the end of July, it is scheduled to last only until Monday, June 4th, which is two days before the Shavuot holiday.

The Tenth Knesset will remain in office until the Eleventh Knesset is convened; until then it can be called together for special sessions, either by the government or at the request of 30 members, as is the case during any Knesset recess. In 1981, the Ninth Knesset held two special sessions during the pre-election recess both at the request of the Alignment.

According to Knesset rules, a new session convenes at 4 p.m. on the second Monday after the publication of the election results in *Reshumot*, the official gazette. In 1981, the results were gazetted 10 days after the elections. Unless the count this time takes much longer, the Eleventh Knesset will convene on August 13.

On this week's Knesset agenda, which is subject to change, according to the Knesset Secretariat, are surveys by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Or and Industry Minister Gideon Pat on the work of their respective ministries, followed by debates.

In fact, such ministerial surveys

will probably constitute most of the House's agenda during its brief summer term. These surveys are an integral part of the debate on the state budget, but the Knesset long ago gave up the attempt to hear these surveys before voting on the budget. Whatever ministry surveys are not debated before the vote on the budget are debated afterwards, in which case the minister's report is put to a vote.

Only six ministry surveys were debated before the budget vote at the end of March, leaving a remainder of 12. Last year, although the summer term lasted the usual two-and-a-half months, some ministry surveys were never delivered.

Under Knesset rules, motions for the agenda are not heard in the first week of a new term. Still, the President may decide to make an exception and recognize as urgent a motion submitted by Mordechai Virshupski (Shinui) calling on the House to denounce the activities of the so-called Jewish underground.

According to the Justice Ministry spokesman, 26 government bills that passed their first reading in the Tenth Knesset are now in various Knesset committees. In addition, 16 bills that passed their first reading in the Ninth Knesset, and to which the Tenth Knesset applied the continuity rule, are also in committee. Since the government coalition cannot be said to exist, only uncontroversial bills — and only some of them — are expected to become law in the Tenth Knesset.

## 14 dead on roads last week

Fourteen persons were killed and another 74 were seriously injured last week in 61 road accidents. Four pedestrians were among those killed, while 56 were among the injured.

On Friday a man was killed by a train near Rosh Ha'ayin. Police said he was carrying no identification at the time of the accident. An investigation is under way. (Ium)

## Bakers to resume normal supplies

Bakers in the North say the supply of standard bread will be back to normal as of today. This move comes after a week of sanctions by the bakers, who provided only fancier, more expensive breads and hallo for Israel's northern towns and settlements.

The bakers say their profit mar-

gins for the subsidized standard loaves have been eroding and want to raise their prices.

Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Pat welcomed the bakers' move and said he would meet with their representatives after the ministry receives the requested figures of bakery profits.

## Na'amat raps 'test-tube' baby fee

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

TEL AVIV. — Na'amat secretary-general Masha Lubelsky has criticized Health Minister Eliezer Shostak for imposing a \$700 charge for in vitro ("test-tube") fertilization. In a letter to the minister, Lubelsky wrote that women who have difficulty conceiving should receive this medical service free of charge. The right to bear a child should not be limited to those with means, she wrote.

Lubelsky told Shostak that women who need this treatment

have asked Na'amat for help in their public campaign to make in vitro fertilization a free service. The women need help, Lubelsky said, because they feel unable to deal with the organizational problems involved in such a campaign and because they are reluctant to identify themselves in public as women with this particular problem. She said Na'amat will help these women if the minister does not retract his decision.

Until now, the service has been given free.

## MD forces review of infant feeding guide

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

HAIFA. — The Health Ministry will appoint a committee of experts to review an infant nutrition guide it distributes through the *Tipat Halav* well-baby clinics.

The review was agreed to at a High Court hearing last Thursday when veteran Haifa pediatrician Dr. Ya'acov Wilczek sought an injunction against the brochure's distribution.

No time limit has been set for the committee's work but it is expected that the findings and recommendations will be submitted.

Wilczek has crusaded for years

against what he claims are the ministry's harmful infant feeding guidelines. He particularly objects to the suggestion that infants start to eat meat from the age of three months. He also holds that infant menus should be scaled to weight rather than age.

## Interurban bus fares

Interurban and some urban bus fares will rise on Tuesday by up to 14 per cent. There will be no change in the IS35 urban fares.

The following are some examples of the new fares: Jerusalem-Tel Aviv, IS320 (up from IS280); return IS570 (IS500); Jerusalem-Haifa, IS700 (IS610); return IS1250 (IS1100); Tel Aviv-Haifa IS400 (IS350); return IS720 (IS630); Tel Aviv-Ashkelon, IS250 (IS220); Jerusalem-Beersheba, IS490 (IS430).

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Moscow deputy-mayor Anatoly Kostanko (left), poses with other members of his delegation shortly after arriving on Friday at Ben-Gurion Airport. (Yossi Aloni, IPPA)

## '300,000 Jews live in Moscow'

**Jerusalem Post Staff**

and news agencies

About 300,000 Jews live in Moscow, the city's deputy mayor Anatoly Kostanko told a press conference at Ben-Gurion Airport on Friday shortly after arriving at the head of a seven-member delegation.

They have come for the celebrations of the Allied victory over the Nazis during World War II being sponsored by the Israel-Soviet Friendship Committee.

Kostanko said the Soviet Union has pulled out of the Olympic games because the Soviet Olympic committee has not been satisfied that the security of its sportsmen was fully protected.

But, he said, "I wouldn't say we are hitting back at the U.S. for

failing to attend the Moscow Olympics."

He added: "Our Olympic committee feels that the conditions in Los Angeles are not good enough concerning the security of our people. This does not mean we have changed our attitude to the Olympic Games, which continues to be for us an important and positive sector in bringing people closer together."

He said he brought no message to Israel indicating a change in Soviet relations with Israel.

Other members of the delegation are Andrei Bulayev of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Vladimir Runinkov of the Novosti news agency, two singers and an accordionist.

## Neighbours' tiff ends in fatal stabbing

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

HAIFA. — A man was stabbed to death and another was badly wounded in a fight between neighbours in the town of Tirat Carmel, south of Haifa, on Friday night, the police reported.

Melech Zisu, 35, died on the way to the hospital.

His relative Rafi Dadon, 24, also from Tirat Carmel, was taken to

Rambam Hospital where his condition was described as fair.

The fight broke out when the two men and Zisu's wife went to visit a neighbour and accused him of insulting Zisu's son, police said. The neighbour then stabbed the two men with a kitchen knife.

The police, summoned by neighbour who reported a violent dispute, arrested the 25-year-old man.

## Dogs' heads' blood smears terrify Ramot woman

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

A Ramot woman who says she has a long-standing quarrel with some of her family was horrified to discover a "plastic bag" containing "two dogs' heads" left outside her apartment door at the end of last week.

The wall of the stairway had been

smearred in blood, with an indecipherable message.

The women took the plastic-wrapped package and went with it to the police with whom she has lodged a complaint. She said this is not the first threat made against her life.

## POLITICIZED

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and escaped being wounded when one of the bombs went off in the garage of former El Bira mayor Ibrahim Tawil. The major accompanied a police sapper to the scene where the bomb was discovered and exploded on the morning of the attack four years ago; when the bomb went off the sapper was blinded and the officer was thrown into the air, hurled by the blast onto the hood of a jeep parked nearby.

When he got up after the explosion, the major told then-OC Central Command Aluf Moshe Levy that "it was my faith that saved me." Like all the other suspects in the group, the officer is religious.

Another suspect apparently supplied the time-clocks used for the explosive devices, but apparently without knowing for what purpose. The Post has been told that in order to camouflage their intent, one of the group asked this unwitting accomplice to install one of the sab-

bat timers in a house.

More suspects are due to be remanded today and tomorrow for a second two weeks of police custody, and indictments are expected during that time.

A "political trial" is being regarded warily in certain political circles, because it could force them to take stands on such issues as Science Minister Yuval Ne'eman's characterization of the attacks on the West Bank mayors as "having a positive effect." Furthermore, within the settlement community there are those arguing that a political trial could "get out of control" and result in the naming of high-ranking government officials or politicians whom the defendants would argue supported the underground.

In other developments: • Former intelligence chief Isser Harel told a newspaper interviewer on Friday that former General Security Service chief Avraham Ahituv should not have been asked to ask former premier Menachem Begin for permission to investigate the attacks on the West Bank mayors. Harel said Ahituv should have gone ahead and investigated without asking anyone. "If he thought he wasn't being allowed to do his job, he should have resigned," said Harel. Ahituv has denied published reports that Begin tried to limit the investigation.

Harel also said that the success of the GSS inquiry was in large part due to the reputation of anti-Arab attacks. "It would have been night on impossible to break the case if they had stopped after the one action against the mayors," he said.

• Jerusalem District police commander Tat-Nitzav Rahamim Comfort on Friday persuaded the Wafk (Moslem) leadership on the Temple Mount to cancel plans for a post-prayer demonstration by thousands of Moslem worshippers. The demonstration had been called to protest against suspects' reported plans to destroy the Temple Mount mosque, and against the heavy Border Police forces stationed on the mount since last January.

• Police officials denied that one of the Jewish underground suspects in custody tried to commit suicide. Such a report was published on Friday, and in the first official statement relating to the case since it broke two weekends ago, a police spokesman denied it.

The denial was viewed by observers within the context of mounting pressure from within for a formal police briefing or press conference to "correct a lot of misconceptions" that have been reported by the press.

Despite allegations by some politicians and Gush Emunim leaders, no police spokesman has so far been allowed to speak with journalists regarding the case.

## Peres pledges safety of public's cash

**TEL AVIV (Ium).** — An Alignment-

government would honour all government undertakings on savings and liquid assets, Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres said here on Friday at the Engineers Club.

Peres said an Alignment government would not lower the real value of wages, but would seek to link them to a rise in productivity.

He also said Labour would prefer to assign fewer resources to building villa homes in the West Bank and more to improving education. Preference in the establishment of science-based industry would be given to the development towns and the outlying areas of the large towns in an effort to bridge the social gap, Peres said.

Speaking yesterday at the commit-



tee drawing up the party's election platform, Peres said these must be based on a number of principles: no abandonment of existing settlements; talks, without any pre-conditions, based on UN resolutions 242 and 338; a change in the settlement policy; and an announcement that Israel is ready to discuss the future of the Gaza Strip as a first step.

Former premier Yitzhak Rabin stressed the renewal of the peace process, the revitalization of relations with Egypt, and ending the army's stay in Lebanon.

## Hurwitz, Shoval to run on their own list

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Former finance minister MK Yigael Hurwitz and former MK Zalmann Shoval intend to run on their own ticket on July 23. The two, who ran previously within the Rafi, State List, and Talem parties, will now make a bid on their own.

It is not clear whether the Likud will offer them a home as a separate faction on the Likud list. This might be at the expense of the Liberal Party.

In another development, Le'am's MK Ehud Olmert wishes to replace Health Minister Eliezer Shostak at the head of the list. While Le'am, the smallest faction in the Likud, is officially committed to an early merger with Herut, they would still be assured of only two safe places in the overall Likud list.

## Christian Arabs firm on Labour placement

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HAIFA. — Some 200 Christian Arabs have threatened to sever all connections with the Labour Party if their candidate, Hanna Haddad, a retired police officer, is not assigned a realistic place on the Labour slate of Knesset candidates. The group, which met here on Friday night, says that some 100,000 Christian Arabs

have only one MK, Rakah's Tawfik Toubi.

Meanwhile, some 60 Moslem members of the Labour Party will meet tomorrow to select their nominee. Four party members from Galilee and two from the Little Triangle are contesting the single nomination.

## Weizman seeking deal with Aguda on TV time

**Yahad's sources yesterday con-**

firmed that Ezer Weizman's new party intends seeking a deal with Agudat Yisrael to "borrow" the latter's television time when TV electioneering begins.

The Aguda, in keeping with ultra-Orthodox practice, has always refused to use the television space it is allotted. But it does use its radio time. Yahad, as a new party, is only

eligible for 10 minutes throughout the TV campaign and plans to trade its radio time for Aguda's TV time if the 11th Knesset election committee permits the deal.

Meanwhile Weizman is continuing his get-acquainted bar-storming of the country's markets. Last Thursday, he was in Beersheba, and this week he will spend three days travelling through the North.

## PLO strife impedes talks with Jordan

**CAIRO (AP).** — A Jordanian

cabinet minister says the strife-torn PLO must "set its own house in order" before there can be progress on a dialogue with Jordan about the future of the Palestinians.

Jordanian Information Minister Leila Sharaf made the remark to reporters following a meeting Thursday with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Sharaf, who was in Cairo for a meeting of non-aligned information ministers, said talks between Yasser Arafat's wing of the PLO and Jordan were in the "preliminary stage."

"We hope the PLO will be able to set its own house in order so that progress can be made," she said.

In Amman on Friday, Jordanian Prime Minister Ahmad Obeidat said Jordan is in favour of a return of Egypt to the Arab ranks and called

for an urgent Arab summit to discuss the Palestinian question and the Iraq-Iran war.

Obeidat said the Arab world should "extend its arm toward Egypt to help it get closer to the Arab and Islamic family and get rid of Israeli pressure."

On relations between his country and Syria, he said "our ties are not cut — but they are affected by different analyses of the Iraq-Iran conflict" and of the situation in Lebanon.

Obeidat also warned against "the spreading of the Iraq-Iran conflict into another confessional war."

"Our identity, as Arabs and Moslems, and our civilization, are threatened if the ideas of Khomenei are allowed to spread in the Arab world," he said.

## Carter: 'Jerusalem now a city of hatred'

**KUWAIT (AP).** — Former U.S.

president Jimmy Carter warned Israel yesterday that its "determination to annex the West Bank and Gaza" will deny its present generation the chance of peace with the Arabs and expressed regret that Jerusalem had turned into a city of "killing and hatred."

In an interview with the newspaper *al-Anba*, Carter also described President Ronald Reagan's Mideast peace plan of September 1982 as "dead," and criticized Democratic presidential candidates for introducing the issue of the U.S. embassy transfer from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in their campaigning.

"I am strongly disappointed at what the Middle East case has suffered in the American presidential campaign so far," Carter said in the interview. "We have reached a point where our differences with Israel loom in all truth and with all inherent dangers."

Describing the situation in Jeru-

salem as a tragedy, Carter said it was a "disaster for Moslems, Christians and Jews to find Jerusalem, the city of love and peace, turned into a home for killing, hatred, provocation and misunderstanding."

He said he was writing a book on the Palestinians and Jerusalem



WORLD NEWS

Compromise saves Namibia parley

LUSAKA, Zambia (AP). — Peace talks between white-ruled South Africa and black nationalist guerrillas resumed after a compromise yesterday in an attempt to bring independence to Namibia, Africa's last colony.

The South West Africa Peoples Organization (Swapo) said it was ready to sign a cease-fire to end its 17-year bush war and bring southern Africa's widest racial and political conflict to a close. But delegates said both sides had only restated old positions in a private session after midnight on Friday, and that there appeared little hope of achieving a breakthrough at the current talks.

They said it was hoped at least for an agreement to meet again.

Representatives of Swapo, South Africa, six Namibian political parties backed by South Africa and the Zambian government gathered

again late yesterday morning after resolving an eight-hour procedural squabble on Friday. Reporters were barred from the conference site.

It was resolved when Swapo agreed to withdraw some disputed non-Swapo members from its delegation.

Six of the internal Namibian parties, which formed a separate delegation, objected to the inclusion of three non-Swapo members in the organization's delegation. The three had defected from one of the internal parties, saying they had become tools of South Africa.

The main issue now blocking progress in the talks appeared to be South Africa's continued insistence that an estimated 25,000 Cuban troops leave neighbouring Angola before Namibia, or South West Africa, becomes independent.

South Africa and the U.S., lead-

ing five western countries in UN-sponsored efforts to arrange negotiations, have said the Cuban presence is the last obstacle to a settlement.

Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda has urged Pretoria to drop the issue, calling it extraneous.

In Pretoria, meanwhile, Ian David Kitson, South Africa's longest-serving white anti-apartheid prisoner, was released on Friday after serving a 20-year sentence. He was convicted in 1964 of several bomb attacks on behalf of black nationalists.

Further details of his release were not given immediately. A prison spokesman said Kitson was being released early "in the normal course of events in terms of existing policy and on the grounds of good behaviour."



Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat is welcomed by Greek officials at Athens Airport when he arrived there on Thursday to attend a one-day congress of Premier Andreas Papandreu's Panhellenic Socialist Movement, which later expressed its support for an independent Palestinian state. (UPI telephoto)

Chernenko appears frail during Spanish king's visit

MOSCOW (AP). — Communist Party leader Konstantin Chernenko walked with the help of aides and appeared weak and trembling during his meetings this week with King Juan Carlos of Spain, sources said yesterday.

Chernenko, 72, has played host at several official functions since the arrival Thursday of Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain.

Sources in the Spanish delegation said he appeared weak and frail at some events, but looked healthy and fit at a performance of Swan Lake at the Bolshoi Theatre on Friday.

Sources in the Spanish delegation reported that Chernenko had to be supported by two aides when he met the royal couple in front of the Kremlin palace after their arrival Thursday.

The sources said Chernenko's hands trembled when he was introduced to Juan Carlos and Sofia.

At a Kremlin dinner Thursday night, the sources said, Chernenko appeared to walk with difficulty. His voice was strong when he delivered a toast to the royal couple, but he had difficulty completing a short speech later in the dinner.

Chernenko was not seen in public for more than a month early last year, and an official report said he was suffering from pneumonia. He apparently recovered from that illness and appeared tanned and fit in recent months.

It is widely rumoured, however, that he suffers from emphysema. In recent appearances on Soviet television, he has struggled for breath and has had difficulty speaking.

19 killed in crash of Egyptian jet in Western Desert

CAIRO (Reuters). — A total of 19 people were killed in the crash of an Egyptian Air Force jet last week, villagers near the site in the Western Desert said.

Defence Minister Mohammed Abdel-Halim Abu Ghazala confirmed yesterday that the jet had crashed 130 kilometres from Cairo, but he did not give the number of casualties.

Speaking to reporters at maneuvers of the Egyptian Third Field Army near the city of Suez, Abu Ghazala said the armed forces would rebuild houses destroyed by the crash in Ezhet Beni Salama and compensate families of the dead and injured.

"These things happen in every air force in the world," he said.

Villagers said that a U.S.-built F-4 Phantom jet operating from a nearby base had crashed into the village on Tuesday and exploded, destroying houses along several alleyways.

They said they believed the crew — usually two in a Phantom — had died.

Buildings damaged in Marseille blasts

MARSEILLE (AP). — A wave of six explosions early Friday in this southern coastal city caused extensive damage to four banks, a tax office and a police garage, but caused no injuries, police said.

An anonymous telephone caller to the French news agency here said the Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC) had carried out the attacks. The FLNC has been seeking the independence of the Mediterranean island for nearly a decade.

The FLNC earlier claimed responsibility for an attack on a police building in Marseille on April 5.

Car bomb damages Iraqi airline office

NICOSIA (AP). — A car bomb damaged the Iraqi Airways office here early yesterday as well as six parked automobiles and neighbouring buildings. Three women and one child were slightly wounded, police reported.

The bomb went off in a car parked against the side wall of the airline office on Nicosia's main shopping thoroughfare Makarios Avenue. The explosion was so powerful that the car totally disintegrated with only the twisted engine and front axle left in place.

The airline office was closed and unoccupied at the time of the explosion just before sunrise.

Duarte wins Salvador vote

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — Moderate Jose Napoleon Duarte emerged Friday as the winner of El Salvador's presidential election, defeating ultra-conservative Roberto D'Aubuisson.

The loser's party called the balloting a "farce" and said it would not accept the results. Duarte in turn accused D'Aubuisson's Republican Nationalist Alliance, known as Arena, of "destabilizing the country," and called on the people to "help me stabilize that machinery they have in place which is based on the death squads."

With votes from 12 of El Salvador's 14 provinces counted, official results showed Duarte had received 691,529 votes, or 54.3 per cent.

D'Aubuisson had 581,222 votes, or 45.7 per cent. About 1.5 million people voted.

The last two provinces being counted were not expected to significantly alter the percentages.

Meanwhile, a group of rebels yesterday released 73 hostages they held for 10 hours in a grocery, in return for safe conduct to the Mexican Embassy.

The five rebels, their heads wrapped in towels to avoid identification, rode in the back of a Red Cross van to the embassy, about a kilometre from the store.

They had seized control of the grocery and taken the hostages after police foiled an attempted robbery there.

Honduras expels Nicaraguan ambassador

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP). — The government declared Nicaraguan Ambassador Edwin Zablah persona non grata on Friday and ordered him to leave the country within 48 hours.

The move was a response to the shooting down of a Honduran helicopter on Tuesday over Nicaragua, in which four members of the Honduran armed forces and four civilians were killed. Honduras says the chopper was blown off course.

Honduras has said it will sever

diplomatic relations with Nicaragua unless it receives a satisfactory explanation for the incident, but expulsion of the ambassador does not mean relations have been broken off.

Honduras recalled its ambassador to Nicaragua last Wednesday.

Nicaragua said the helicopter incident resulted from the Honduran government's policy of allowing its territory to be used as a staging ground for CIA-supported Nicaraguan rebels.

Chileans demonstrate against military rule

SANTIAGO (AP). — Opponents of military rule marked the first anniversary of their nationwide protests with subdued demonstrations and scattered violence.

Police arrested at least 41 people and wounded two others with shot-

gun pellets. The government of President Augusto Pinochet used limited police patrols to disperse small groups of rock-throwing demonstrators in downtown Santiago, the capital's working-class suburbs and other cities.

Uruguay authorities shred weekly, return 'confetti'

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP). — Authorities of the 11-year-old military regime shredded the 15,000 copies of the weekly newspaper Democracy they seized last week, and returned 1.170 kilograms of "confetti" to the publishers, the paper said Friday.

The right-wing administration of President Gen. Gregorio Alvarez

has confiscated editions or shut the paper eight times during the past month, but never returned shredded paper to the weekly.

Last week's edition of Democracy was confiscated because it contained the transcript of a speech delivered in Buenos Aires by exiled politician Wilson Ferreira. The paper was allowed to distribute this week's.

Sikh gunmen slay leading Indian newspaper editor

AMRITSAR (AP). — Ramesh Chander, a leading Indian newspaper editor, was shot to death by four unidentified Sikh terrorists yesterday while driving a car in Punjab state, authorities said.

Chander, a Hindu, was assassinated less than three years after his father, Jagar Narain, was gunned down by Sikh terrorists. Chander, 55, succeeded his father as editor-in-chief of Punjab's Hind Samachar newspaper chain.

Chander's police bodyguard was critically wounded in the shooting in downtown Jullundur, 85 km. south-east of this Sikh holy city. Police said the assailants — who fired several shots from a van — escaped.

Authorities rushed armed police reinforcements to the city to deter a Hindu backlash. Police said an angry mob burned a bus in Jullundur and attacked Sikh-owned vehicles to protest the slaying.

Chander's newspaper group published the largest-circulated Punjabi-

and Urdu-language dailies in Northern India. The newspapers have been highly critical of Sikh militants and have demanded firm government action to halt terrorism.

Police suspected Sikh extremist leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, who operates from Amritsar's Golden Temple, masterminded the latest assassination.

Chander's murder followed the capture of a large quantity of arms in Amritsar from a truck belonging to Bhindranwale near the Golden Temple.

Meanwhile, Jivan Singh Umrangal, a leader of Sikh Akali Dal Party, threatened to immolate himself publicly if Sikh militants "do not atone for the sins committed inside the temple complex" by June 15.

The elderly Sikh leader said the sprawling Temple complex had been turned into a sanctuary for anti-social elements, smugglers and slayers.

Bush, in India for talks, diverted by kidnapping

NEW DELHI (AP). — U.S. Vice-President George Bush arrived here yesterday on a mission to revitalize relations between the world's two largest democracies, and answer India's mounting complaints against U.S. arms sales to rival Pakistan.

Bush immediately became involved in efforts to secure the release of an American newlywed couple kidnapped on Friday by Sri Lankan Tamil separatists. They reportedly were bound for India's southern Tamil Nadu state with their captors.

"He has been fully informed about the case," said Bush's press

secretary, Peter Teeley, after the vice-president was briefed at the U.S. Embassy.

Teeley declined to give further details or discuss the latest reports Bush received.

Sri Lankan and Indian navy boats patrolled the narrow straits between the two countries in search of the American couple. Stanley Allen, 36, and his wife, Elizabeth Dayman, 21, Tamil terrorists who abducted them in Jaffna, Sri Lanka, on Friday are demanding a \$2 million ransom in gold.

N. Atlantic islanders slay 350 whales in annual hunt

THORSHAVN, Faeroe Islands (AP). — Hunters slaughtered 350 pilot whales in the shallow waters of the Faeroe Islands, following a tradition that is "centuries old," a Faeroese leader said Friday.

The whales were killed Thursday and butchered for their meat in the first major kill of the season. In each of the past two years, about 2,000 pilot whales have been killed.

Although the hunt has drawn protests from many quarters, the whales are a significant part of the economy and food supply of the 50,000 inhabitants of these North Atlantic islands.

The whales, up to 7.3 metres in length, were slain with slashing blows from a long blade known as

the "grind knife" behind the mammal's blowhole.

"I wouldn't say it's been going on for a millennium, but it's centuries old," Ole Brechmann said of the slaughter. He is the editor of a local newspaper and the islands' representative in the Danish parliament. The Faeroes are part of Denmark, but the islanders have home rule and are responsible for their own economy.

Michael Gylling Nielsen, a spokesman for the Greenpeace Office in Copenhagen, said the environmental organization has criticized the hunt as "inhuman."

An English journalist who witnessed Thursday's slaughter sent a letter to the Thorshavn newspaper Dimmu-laeting saying: "You are disgusting, loathsome, barbaric people. How can you do such a thing?"

Actress fools camera crew into stripping

LONDON (AP). — Julie Walters, the effervescent star of the British hit movie Educating Rita, fooled a cameraman on the set of her latest film into stripping off all his clothes to film her in the nude.

Her elaborate practical joke, reported in the London press, was confirmed by her agent Friday.

Walters was to play a nude scene in the movie She'll be Wearing Pink Pyjamas. But to the surprise of everyone on the set, she refused to strip unless the crew did, saying those were the rules set down by Equity, the British actors' union.

The cameraman took all his clothes off, the other men stripped down to their jockey shorts and even producer Adrian Hughes disrobed to the waist.

Only after the scene was shot did Walters let on that there was no such Equity rule.

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WHAT IS IT that underlies the fundamental urge in single women to yearn for marriage — a dramatic change in status? In an age so plagued with divorce and marital disappointments, it's intriguing to see that single women still yearn for a chance at the ultimate romantic testimony. In the face of such strong statistics about marital failure, the myth of true love and commitment persists in the minds of the single women.

Why people in love want to marry each other is not under consideration here. But rather, I am exploring what provokes a human being to willingly look for an opportunity to obliterate a lifestyle in exchange for another.

Could there be something about being single that makes women feel less valid than their married counterparts? Does being single put women at an odd state of disadvantage, as if they need to feel apologetic? I've noticed a resonating hopefulness, though, in all single women with whom I spoke, that the state is only a temporary one.

To tell a woman in her twenties or thirties, for that matter, that she will never marry is like slapping her face with a condemnation; you will remove all her hope from life. This probably would have less dramatic effect on the much older unmarried woman, as she is probably approaching something like an acceptance of her state.

We have all been brought up as part of a family. Early in our lives as little human beings, we are taught how to execute our sex roles. So besides for learning what the scope of female role modelling is about, women also learn that they are being groomed for the wife and mother "inevitability." As they mature, one part of them, at least, seems to be in a holding pattern awaiting the chance to perpetuate the family system.

Since it's more manageable to romanticize that which we consider to be inevitable, it's not hard to fathom why women involve themselves with the over-glamorization of what marriage can be. I'm hardly under the impression that the single woman hungering for marriage is also musing about the possibly tough and tedious life awaiting her as a wife and mother. No. Quite the contrary. She envisions the truest form of human bonding. She fantasizes the best possible situation, the flawless union.

Let us say that the yearning for marriage that we observe in the single woman may be reducible to certain fundamental elements.

There is an undeniable fear of aloneness which in good measure motivates the search for strong love bonds. Also I think we must consider the drive for motherhood, social legitimacy, financial support, and a certain degree of sexual entitlement.

There is nothing more awesome than the personal confrontation people make with their aloneness. Often it is shocking to face this inevitability. An extrication or buffer from the brutality of this truth is to have some real life connections.

Generally, the bond with our parents gives us a sense of being connected in the universe. Even when the relationship is exasperating, it is often preferred over the option of having no one care about you. Look at grief over parental death. The feeling of being without parents is too dramatic a reconfirmation of aloneness. Even with adults, this loss can be traumatic.

Almost all versions of love are exciting. Even the most immature, superficial attraction can be inspiring, for a moment in one's history. Some hearty pragmatists have been known to lose themselves to romance. Some even become quite foolish about it. This only serves to illustrate that the need to love is fundamental to people, irrespective of their intellectual prowess. The need lies in all of us to desire to be wanted, admired, cared for. And just as basic as that aspect, there is the corollary one in which we want to be needed, depended upon. This is more fitting to the love of children and it ranks as high as any other form of love.

The more conscious one is the more capable one is of achieving real depth and meaning in connections. But irrespective of one's state of awareness, the need to connect, love, and care seem to dominate our lives.

Women, it appears, need to nurture more than men do. I'm reticent to mention genetic endowment here, but there does seem to be something very female about nurturing. Not surprising when we remember that female biology does rather lend itself to this expression.

And so if it's a piece of biological fact or a function of environmental conditioning, women seem to be yearning for the chance to love a man, raise children, and set up a nest. This need is capitalized on by publishers who flood the market with romance reading. It's hardly men who are buying this. Actually, they're busy spending their money on other types of literature, material for sexual rather than romantic fantasies.

And this desire to have a child is somehow not linked to a desire to make a love relationship concrete in terms of the child.

Although more women are creating situations in which they bear and raise children without a husband, it's still a socially complicated act. It's surely maverick enough in its style to bear its own deleterious effects. The rule still holds that basically the only viable environment for child rearing is a marriage. I think that the knowledge that marriage is really the only socially supported avenue for motherhood might play a strong factor in the desire to wed.

How often I've heard the expression "settling down" and wondered about the implications. There seems to be an underlying suggestion here that somehow not being married is equated with not being serious and that the singleness is temporary. Everyone's rooting for marriage, it appears, even the ones who've experienced disappointments. Somehow, the subject's being pushed, irrespective of certain unpleasant possibilities attached to it.

Marriage offers a woman a certain special feeling of social legitimacy. Even a woman trapped in a painful marriage might just feel superior to a single woman. She may even roll the word "husband" off her lips just to watch her single friend squirm.

At the most primal level, I think, we equate marriage with success for a woman. Not being married is equated with failure. If you aren't married, then it appears that no one has picked you. Whether men really do the picking or women only want men to believe it is inconsequential here. The point is that society believes that the men choose the mate. Unmarried women are simply the unchosen. Now isn't that enough to confound the self-image of a single woman?

In spite of all the drama of the women's movement, there still is truth in the notion that a great lack of equanimity exists in the working world. Men still earn more, have better jobs, and much more power than women. Financial security is certainly an attractive option. Most average women are never going to compete in the world of big business and would be content to let their husbands bring home the paycheck.

Many married women who work are generally content if the job allows them an interesting out and diversion, for the most part, the family is just an addition to the money income. In many cases in Israel, the mother of small children who works, spends most of her salary on child care. So, her job is clearly fulfilling a need she has to assert herself, but not to supplement the family's income in any real way.

Ruminating about being married binds together all the elements of connection and love, social acceptability, and financial security, but I think one more element must be mentioned, although of late it might seem to be the least important. Marriage is the only really socially acceptable avenue for full sexual expression. On the most total, all embracing level, I believe this to be true. Sex between married partners receives full social endorsement. Sexual episodes between non-married partners bears its own degree of stigma.

The last two points, financial security and sexual entitlement, are often exactly the loci for some of the most pathetic struggles and misunderstandings in a marriage. It's ironic, but true, that these two elements, which in some sense support the union, contribute to its downfall.

Her reasons behind her desire to find a marriage partner must vary from woman to woman. According to one's personality and needs, some of the aforementioned elements will play greater or lesser roles. If I had to choose the single most dramatic motivation behind all this, I would have to say the impenetrable fear of marching through the world without true connections.

It's much too bleak to imagine oneself eating alone for a lifetime. And although some people have the marvellous fortune to experience love through good friendships, it's not realistic to imagine that one's friends will never marry and form their own intimate alliances and networks.

I have spoken with women, well on in years, who have known marriage and have committed themselves to a life without this connection. But I imagine this is the result of very arduous self work. Few people are built for the solitary life. Most human beings hunger for bonding. With all its drawbacks and often complicated dynamics, marriage just seems to be the more appealing choice. A loveless life, with none to care about or care for you, seems such a dry and brittle prospect.

I don't recommend that a cry of pity is fitting for the unmarried woman. But some sensitivity is required when one looks at her often foolish, desperate caprices. She's only trying to find that to which all human beings are entitled.

# Yearning for marriage

Psychologist Dr. Ellie Henkind Katz discusses the reasons for women's desire to find a marriage partner.



We cannot avoid contending with the issue of motherhood. Most single women with whom I've spoken have told me that they feel a strong desire to bear children. They yearn for the opportunity to mother. Again, I find this rather interesting in view of the fact that most of these single women do not have a boyfriend at the time.

ORTHODOX Jewish women who delay going to the mikve (ritual bath) are more likely to give birth to boys, but are also likelier to bear a child with major congenital malformations.

These are the findings from research carried out on 7,345 Orthodox Jewish women in Jerusalem by Dr. Susan Harlap, 44, associate professor of Epidemiology and Public Health at the Department of Medical Ecology of the Hebrew University and Hadassah Medical School.

Women who postpone their visit to the mikve resume sexual intercourse on or just after the day of ovulation. This results in "late conception" — fertilization of the egg during the latter part of its 48-to-72-hour lifespan. According to Harlap's statistics, the chances of having a boy from late conception jump from the usual 51 per cent to 65 per cent, but the risk of birth defects, such as Down's Syndrome and other congenital malformations, also rises from 2 per cent to 4-6 per cent.

"We're not certain of the reason for this phenomenon," says Harlap. "But we speculate that in the latter hours of the egg's life it is on its last gasp, having exhausted some of its nutrients, so its structure could be breaking down." For this reason late conception results in congenital malformations in animals, says Harlap, and there's a good chance that the same thing is happening in humans.

The cause of the changes in sex-ratio is also unknown, but Harlap and other researchers suggest it has to do with the effect of variations in vaginal and intracervical PH levels at different times of the fertile period on the biochemical make-up of the male-bearing sperm.

The effects of late conception on the fetus aren't confined, of course, to Orthodox Jewish women, but this group provides a unique opportunity for such research. Information about the woman's cycle, and her adherence to Halachic law make it possible to calculate — within a day — the time of conception.

According to the law of *niddah* intercourse is forbidden during the menstrual period (usually five days) and for an additional seven days. After this period of abstinence the woman is to cleanse herself in the mikve and resume intercourse that night.

"By ruling out the days in which she couldn't possibly have had intercourse, and knowing other factors about her cycle which help in estimating the day of ovulation, we can zero in on the probable day a woman conceived," Harlap explains.

Assuming a woman's cycle is regular, the estimated day of ovulation is 14-15 days before her next menstrual cycle, or two days after she is to go to the mikve. "The Halacha fits a woman's physiology perfectly," Harlap says. "Chances for conception are highest at this time, and the risk of birth defects lowest."

But if a woman's menstrual cycle is longer than normal, or if she postpones going to the mikve either because she lives far away or isn't eager to resume sexual relations with her husband, conception, if it occurs

## Avoiding birth defects

Jennifer Frey talks to Dr. Susan Harlap, pioneer in the study of the effect of late conception on birth defects.

at all, will happen during the latter hours of the egg's lifespan.

Dr. Harlap was the first to study the effect of late conception on birth defects, and although not a pioneer in the field of sex-ratio, she dealt with the largest group of fertile women ever studied, and thus her findings lent support to similar previous findings in the field.

Harlap cautions that her conclusions are based on statistical data and on work in epidemiology — the study of health and disease in groups or populations — and as such are difficult to apply to the individual. Yet, should her findings prove correct, the aspiring mother who measures her temperature each morning to determine when she is ovulating is going about things the wrong way.

"Women have been led to believe that when their temperature goes up, they should try to conceive," says Harlap. "But actually, at this point they should lay off sex."

Ovulation has already occurred, and intercourse at this time is more likely to result in late conception. Although the increased chance of conceiving a boy is often attractive, it's not worth the risk of malformation, Harlap says.

Her findings might also have implications for "in vitro" fertilization, where timing is crucial.

For the past 20 years most research in reproductive epidemiology has aimed at determining whether a certain drug causes a particular malformation. "Ever since the thalidomide babies we've been driving ourselves crazy trying to find out whether penicillin, aspirin or coffee have any effect on the embryo," says Harlap.

Little was discovered from that line of research. "So I suggested we stop looking at what happens during the second or third month of pregnancy, and think more about what's happening at the time of conception," she says.

Harlap trained in one of the medical schools of London University and specialized in family practice. At 28, a year before the Six Day War, she left her native London for Israel, where she believed she would feel more comfortable as a woman and a physician.

After Kupat Holim turned her away, the School of Public Health at Hadassah recognized her spunk, de-

termination and unconventional approach, and hired her on the spot.

Harlap won international recognition amongst her colleagues for her findings in a study of the effects of birth control pills on births. Together with a team of researchers she studied a group of 16,000 Jerusalem women, and found that not only is the pill safe for the embryo, but there are fewer cases of death and still birth amongst babies born of mothers who were on the pill. These children are also, on the whole, healthier and plumper.

Although not a card-carrying feminist, Harlap identifies with the cause. She will be speaking at the Israel Feminist Conference later this month, on amongst other issues, a woman's right to abortion. Harlap's latest area of interest is the man's contribution to fertility and infertility.

"Until now women alone have always been under the microscope. The man's part has been neglected," she says. When she gets the money, she wants to examine the effects of smoking and drinking on the fertility of sperm, and its role in causing birth defects.

Also in the making is a research project on what Harlap believes is a third type of twin. "In addition to the identical and non-identical kind of twin," she says, "there's a third type in whom everything 'passed' on through the mother is identical, and what is passed on through the father is non-identical."

About the satisfactions in her work Harlap says, "If through my work I can prevent even a few birth defects, which have implications not only for the child, parents and family but for society in general, I can't think of doing anything more fulfilling."

"And there's one more thing," she says pausing to choose her words carefully. "There's a Jewish aspect to my work. I'm doing epidemiology, a secular subject, but working with Orthodox Jewish women. Nowhere else in the world could I do such a thing. I get a kick out of it."

## Health notes

THE HEALTH Ministry is starting supervision of private clinics following a change in the law.

Special attention will be paid to clinics which do minor surgery under local anesthetic and those that perform artificial insemination.

The clinics must show their records to the inspectors who may call unannounced.

The ministry says that many clinics are violating the law by using one donor for several women and performing insemination for married women from an anonymous donor. The law forbids the insemination of a married woman by any donor except her husband.

IN THE Third World two children die every minute from complications of diarrhea. The commonest cause of death is dehydration.

But the use of a simple salt and sugar solution, fed to the child with a spoon, can save thousands of lives, says the World Health Organization. It can be made by anyone in the home.

A STUDY at Bar Ilan University has shown that the presence of the husband in the delivery room does not have any effect on the development of his paternal feelings.

The researchers said that the real importance is that in the nuclear family the husband had to assume roles usually shared by many relatives in the extended family and that the woman benefits from his support.

D.B.S.

A NEW natural substance which may help prevent the ageing process in skin, and may cause biological improvements in tissue, has been discovered by Professor Shlomo Grossman and his research team in the life sciences department at Bar Ilan University.

Professor Grossman explained that this is a major breakthrough in enzyme research which may have future applications in the preparation and packaging of foods, drugs and cosmetics.

This, as yet, unnamed substance has all the properties of an antioxidant without the toxicity that they usually possess. It can prevent harmful substances from injuring cells and tissues in both humans and animals and thereby arrest ageing.

A well-known American cosmetics firm (whose name Bar Ilan was not prepared to reveal at this time) participated with the university in development of the substance, which that firm will use in cosmetic products.

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## TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET REVIEW

### Week ends with massive sell-out

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The holidays at the beginning of last week reduced trading to only three days. And if Tuesday started off with rising prices, the process was reversed on Wednesday, when profit-taking set in. And Thursday saw a massive sell-out.

The General Share Index for the week showed a drop of only 0.68 per cent, but for those who also take the devaluation of the shekel (about 2 per cent) into account, the loss is considerably higher.

The question is not what made prices fall towards the end of last week, but why they rose in the preceding week (that ending May 3.) There was no reason for them to rise along a broad front, for most business companies show "profits" which become losses under Advisory Opinion 23 of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

True, there are a few real bargains on the market, for there are some companies which did make an "adjusted" profit in 1983, and whose shares are selling at very low prices. But, as noted, these companies are in the distinct minority.

The little boom which started in the week ending May 3 was caused

by the "insiders" trying to "warm up" the market. They caused prices to rise — which is not an expensive trick when turnovers are dimly low — in the hope that the public would again be attracted to the market.

They hoped that this public, which had been so badly burned in 1983, would have developed a memory lapse. And this public did have the other main element required to get back into the market — ready cash.

There is a lot of money floating around. Much of it is in *palam* (foreign currency equivalent) accounts, hoping for a nice investment to turn up. And there is a feeling of pre-election prosperity in the air, for the government is printing shekels at a fast rate, so much so, that Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad has been dubbed "Yigal the Printer."

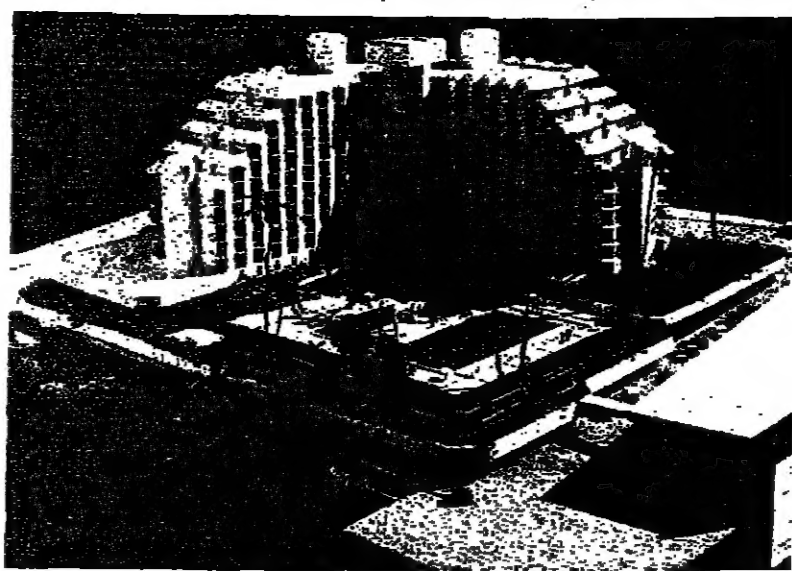
And the hikes in the prices of basic food commodities earlier this month have not kept up with the index, adding more fuel to the fire.

But the public kept away, and the "insiders" decided to allow the market to collapse. For it soon became apparent that a considerable amount of the ready cash — although the *palam* accounts do not seem to have been effected — seems to be

flowing into the dollar black market. Many of these dollars are being bought by people in preparation of their summer holidays abroad, but a considerable quantity seems to be going underground, either into safe-deposit boxes, or under the proverbial mattress. (Although in Israel the usual expression is under a "tile in the kitchen.")

Most persons feel that no matter which party wins the elections, the post-election period will be one of austerity, or at least of great uncertainty. The external debt is growing steadily, and steps must be taken to get the economy on a more even keel.

What is interesting to watch is whether the "insiders" will make another attempt to entice the public back into the market before elections, at least to get them interested in the shares of those companies which are export-oriented. For these companies will undoubtedly be coddled by the government after elections in an effort to step up exports and earn foreign currency. For the long haul, these export-oriented companies, especially investment companies with large holdings in exporting firms, might prove a good buy.



Model of the ten-storey, 400-room Nahar Hayarden Hotel, operated by the Moriah chain, which is to open in Tiberias this summer. (Ran Erdo)

## Plastics manufacturers strain to find new markets

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The government is continuing to help entrepreneurs set up plastic plants, even though Israel's plastics industry already has the capacity to produce two or three times what it can sell. Rony Shatan, head of the plastics section in the Manufacturers' Association, said here recently, "If someone wants to invest his own money to produce what is not needed, that's his privilege, but when public money is wasted in the process, that's a different matter," Shatan said.

The Association of Plastics Manufacturers, which includes representatives of both private and kibbutz industry, has recently organized trade missions to try to increase exports. The latest of these was to the Far East. Participants estimated that they will export somewhere between \$3 and \$5 million as a direct and fairly immediate result of a visit, and they hope additional benefits will also come from the contacts they made.

The 14-member delegation went

to Australia and Singapore to sell, and to Taiwan and Japan to learn, but some participants also made business deals in those countries on the "learning" part of the tour.

As for learning, Zvi Bash said Israeli industry could learn a great deal from the discipline and productivity he saw in Taiwan, and from the identification of workers with their firm which he saw in Japan. "If we could imitate their good points and add our 'Jewish head,' we could go further than anyone else," he said.

Abba Nurik added that he thinks Australia and other Far East countries are an excellent market for Israel and should be further developed. "We can sell at higher prices there than we can in Europe or the U.S.," he said.

All the participants praised the work of Israel's economic consuls in Sydney and in Singapore, who made all the advance arrangements. "I had thought the cocktail party would be a waste of time," Zvi Bash said as an example, "but when I got there it turned out to be the beginning of an important business transaction."

## Funds run by Discount have IS180b. assets

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The assets of the provident funds run by the Discount Bank stood at IS180 billion on March 31, 1984 according to Eli Cohen, chairman of the executive committee of the Discount group.

At the end of 1983, assets stood at only IS122b., which was a growth of IS54.4b. during all of 1983. This constitutes a 23.5 per cent nominal

growth and a 11.7 per cent real growth.

During 1983, some 50,000 people joined these provident funds, bringing total membership up to 640,000 (of which 475,000 are in Tamar, the bank's largest provident fund).

## Lebanese banks struggle to survive

By ALISTAIR LYONO  
BEIRUT (Reuters). — The near-collapse of a Beirut bank has raised widespread fears about the health of Lebanon's banking sector as it struggles to survive the severe economic battering the nation has suffered in nine years of civil war.

A few weeks ago, the Central Bank intervened to prop up the First Phoenician Bank, a medium-sized bank that took over the operations in Lebanon of the First National Bank of Chicago in 1982.

Opinions among government officials and bankers vary on how far First Phoenician's problems are symptomatic of a general malaise in the banking sector.

A senior government official told Reuters he felt no "sizeable concern" about the banks. He blamed the crisis at First Phoenician on its management, but was confident the sickness in the economy at large had not yet reached the banking sector, which he said had coped so far with flexibility and strength.

"However, if the present situation continues without a political solution, there is danger of a real collapse that would affect all sectors," he said.

Lebanon's economy is already

reeling. Factories are in ruins, trade has slumped, workers' remittances from abroad have dwindled and last year a once-healthy balance of payments turned into a deficit of around \$1 billion.

Lebanon has no fewer than 87 commercial banks and the contraction in the economy since 1982 has sharpened competition for deposits, even though investment outlets are scarce.

"Too many banks are oriented towards large balance sheets, rather than towards profitability," the manager of an American bank commented. "As a result they find themselves paying interest on deposits they cannot use."

He said the decline in trade had led to a sharp drop in the volume of letters of credit, normally a major source of bank earnings.

Instead, banks have the option of investing in Treasury bills, which the government issues to finance public spending and control liquidity in the banks.

Banks now hold about \$2.5b. worth of bills. Bankers say they are safe — as long as Lebanon has a central government — but they offer a lower yield than loans to the private sector.

A lack of investment opportunities has tempted many banks to speculate in foreign currencies, the government official said, even though they are officially barred from doing so.

Lebanon's banking secrecy laws make it almost impossible for the Central Bank to monitor such operations if they are carried out with the collusion of depositors, he added.

The Central Bank appointed a team to run First Phoenician when its problems first came to light in February. It has since injected more than 250m. Lebanese pounds (\$44m.) to enable the bank to meet its obligations.

Auditors are still assessing the bank's losses, which the official agreed could be as high as \$70m.

Prompt action by the Central Bank, which fears that any bank failure would destroy confidence in the whole sector, has done much to reassure local bankers.

But they have become more cautious. The manager of a foreign-owned money dealing company told Reuters certain large banks were refusing to do business with some smaller ones.

## WALL STREET WEEK

### Stocks ready to move ahead, but bonds not cooperating

NEW YORK (AP). — There is a strong belief on Wall Street that the stock market is ready to advance if only the bond market would improve. But the bond market is not cooperating.

Moreover, if the bond market continues to slide, analysts say the stock market could lose whatever enthusiasm it currently holds.

Given the rise in interest rates so far this year, and the subsequent slump in bond prices, some Wall Streeters are impressed that the stock market has even managed to hold its own.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average is down 129.50 points from its 1984 high of 1,286.64, reached last January 6. But since March 9, the blue-chip measure is up 17.38 points.

So stocks haven't been able to break out into a broad, sustained rally, but they haven't completely crumbled under the weight of higher rates, either, which is giving cause for optimism.

"The stock market's ability to levitate as both long and short interest rates rise has been truly remarkable," Greg Smith, research director

at Prudential-Bache Securities Inc., writes in his latest market commentary.

A. Marshall Acuff Jr., portfolio strategist at Smith Barney, Harris Upham and Co., says that while stocks "go down on a given day, they bounce back the next day. There's resilience on the upside and this is occurring at a time when the bond market continues to deteriorate."

The New York Stock Exchange composite index fell 0.52 to 91.23, and the American Stock Exchange market value index lost 3.00 to 209.21.

Big Board volume averaged 87.91 million shares daily, compared with 95.57 million the previous week.

While the stock market has avoided a major retreat, Acuff says it's not hard to see why many money managers have cushioned themselves with large cash positions.

A look at the total returns — price appreciation plus yield — of Treasury bills, Treasury bonds, a variety of stock indexes and other measures shows "cash is king," he says.

Treasury bills have been "the only area to produce a consistent positive return" over the past year, he says.

## Show of Italian goods at Beit Asia

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The "Best of Italy" exhibition, which opens at Beit Asia here on Sunday and runs through May 17, will be dedicated to the following sectors of Italian industry: cars, motorcycles, household electrical appliances, typewriters, personal computers, ceramics, furniture, leather articles, shoes, costume jewelry, musical instruments and tourism.

The Italian tourism stand will be fitted out by Alitalia, and the Italian national airline will also hold a lottery among visitors, with the winner getting a round-trip ticket to Rome.

The exhibition will be open to the public daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The exhibit is sponsored by the economic and commercial section of the Italian embassy.

Most of the products on display are already being imported to Israel by local businessmen, but there will be other items which are not yet sold here.

## Budweiser sold out

TEL AVIV. — Supplies of Budweiser beer, which was put on the market by National Brewery on April 24, have been completely sold out. The brewery announces that the special brewing ingredients have been used up and that fresh quantities have been ordered by air from the U.S.



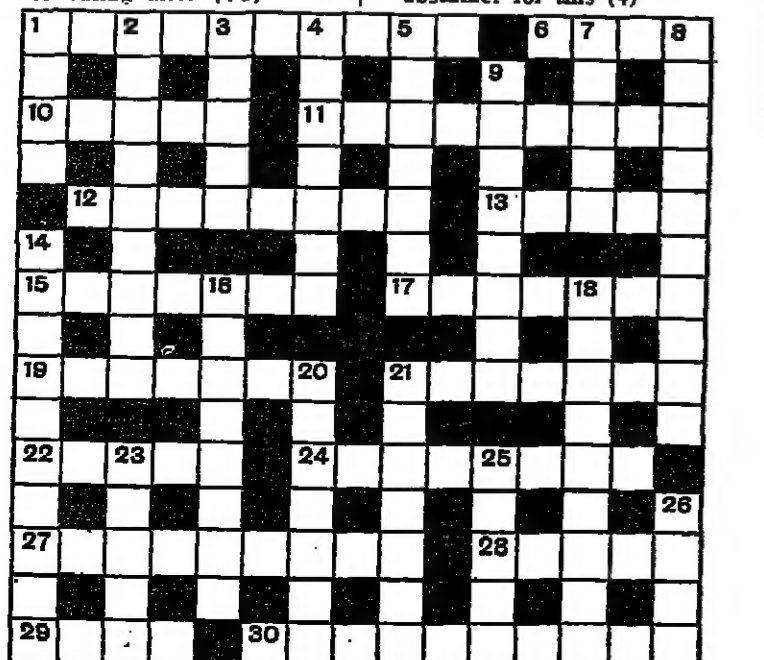
## ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Go slow like an accurate draughtsman has to do? (4, 2, 4)
- Duck from Middle East found in home counties (4)
- Current car manufacture in Ghana (5)
- Mayne the result of accommodation bargains presenting no hurdles of course (4, 5)
- Jenny used to tell a tall story (4, 4)
- Suo god born of a woman married to an Indian prince (5)
- Secret service man? (7)
- Trod, slipped, got twisted inside and all at a leisurely pace (3-4)
- Unlucky enters the ring boasting noisily (7)
- Single decent sort has a pleasant air (7)
- In diplomacy I should be understood (5)
- Apparently navy is also excluded in the arctic areas (6)
- Study involving star and moon axis (9)
- French river to the North leads to a sound (5)
- Long timber (4)
- A problem for overpopulated countries accustomed to eating dirt? (4-6)

DOWN

- A question of identification, isn't it old boy? (4)
- Formal party of signal quality (9)
- Ivo I want amended (5)
- Blow up again on learning why the luck-out was delayed (7)
- A pound obtained in wages as a result of study (7)
- Prepared to keep dry wine (5)
- When church attendance traditionally rises in the main? (10)
- Cause parliament to rise in defence of a scoundrel (8)
- No doubt it sheds a ghostly light (6-4)
- A Roman road reconstructed into a more advanced form of transport (8)
- Answering to a distillery vessel manufacturing gin (9)
- Go to Zambia/Zaire border town on a canal? (7)
- Pole appealed, but had the horse turned on him (7)
- Interpose copper with another metal (3, 2)
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- Better dispense with the abstainer for this (4)



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Danish krone	18.662
Finnish mark	32.358
Canadian dollar	145.91
Australian dollar	170.78
South African rand	146.77
Belgian franc (10)	33.511
Austrian schilling (10)	97.111
Italian lire (100)	110.80
Japanese yen (100)	82.285
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## The lid off Herut

WITHIN A fortnight or so, the election campaign will get into high swing. First off the mark, already, is the ruling party Herut. Last week it put its Knesset list into final shape.

The ordering of the list by the party's central committee was accompanied by much self congratulation about the committee's democratic procedures.

Left unsaid was the fact that there have been no elections to the central committee for six years, as Ezer Weizman pointed out. In order to puncture the democratic balloon of his former party. That, of course, is still better than the record of the National Religious Party where there have been no internal elections for twelve years. But internal democracy has never been a strong card of Israeli political parties and Herut, despite its self righteousness, is no exception. It was for all its years under Mr. Begin effectively a one-man party, and now that he is removed from the scene, the party must find its way.

The first step, taken in the central committee, was to satisfy the claims of the main party factions in order not to rock the boat. To do so, the committee had to relegate the old-timers, linked to the IZL founding past, and the bevy of their sons and daughters, who sought to lay claim to Knesset places by virtue of their descendancy.

With the factional pie now divided and set, the coming election campaign will be for Herut, not simply a contest for who will rule the Knesset, but who will rule the party. A Likud victory, reinstalling Mr. Shamir, would simply postpone that ultimate contest. A loss would bring it immediately to the fore.

Whether Mr. Sharon or Mr. Levy — the prime contenders for the succession — would come out on top, the party would in either case no longer be the same — its links to the past and to the norms imposed by Mr. Begin shattered.

Precisely because the party is already enthralled by the struggle over its future, it placed itself in the rather anomalous electoral position of granting top Knesset list positions to the symbols of its most resounding failures — Mr. Sharon and the former Finance Minister, Yoram Aridor.

The war in Lebanon, of which Mr. Sharon was the architect, and effective economic collapse, for which Mr. Aridor can claim credit, are exactly the two issues that the Likud will seek to suppress in the election campaign by diverting all its public relations resources and slogans to the "Battle for Eretz Yisrael."

Yet the very presence of Mr. Sharon and Mr. Aridor will remind the voters of what the Likud would rather they forget. That the party would have to place itself in such a circumstance, rewarding failure and confounding its own electoral strategy, is explained solely by the internal contest for future leadership.

It will, of course, be easier for Mr. Sharon than for Mr. Aridor to shake off the burden of failure, in the campaign itself. With a canny knack for the outrageous, Mr. Sharon will rivet attention on himself and on his terms — which in his campaign will be Eretz Yisrael and the mortal danger he terms the opposition.

Mr. Aridor will find the going tougher. Defending his own policy will not be credible; defending Cohen-Orad's, such as it is, will be a self indictment. He too, therefore, will find it more convenient to talk about The Land.

With others to play the demagogue therefore, Mr. Shamir will be able to continue to take the high road of seeming reasonableness — which is the image he, Mr. Arens and Mr. Cohen-Orad have fostered in deliberate counter distinction to their predecessors.

That image may have personal merit. But politically it no longer has a base. It does not reflect the stirrings and strivings within Herut, it does not reflect the party's morally bankrupt partner, the self-appointed Liberals for whom personal survival is the sole purpose, and it cannot represent a Likud-led coalition, which must buy off the most extremist small parties.

It is with all these inner contradictions then that Herut will embark on its campaign — the first without Mr. Begin. The weaknesses are glaring. Whether the Labour opposition will be able to capitalize on them remains to be seen.

## POSTSCRIPTS

**BEDUIN TALES REISSUED:** For many years, Beersheba's long-time mayor, Eliahu Navi, thrilled radio listeners with his tales of David el-Natur. These folk tales in Arabic earned him a wide and enthusiastic following among Arabic-speaking Israelis.

In 1972, a book containing these tales in Hebrew was published and sold two editions of 5,000 each which very quickly went out of print.

However, Keter publishing house recently decided to reprint the book in a new version. It will be "coffee-table sized" with illustrations by well-known artist Yossi Stern. L.M.

**BALLET star Natalia Makarova** has brought a \$25 million negligence suit over injuries suffered when a piece of scenery fell on her during a performance at the Kennedy Centre in Washington in 1982.

In the suit filed in Manhattan Supreme Court, Makarova claimed she suffered permanent injuries in the accident during a performance of *On Your Toes*.

As a result, she alleged, she was no longer able to perform the classical ballet repertoire which had earned her a reputation as the world's "foremost prima ballerina."

The suit named Kennedy Centre Productions, the New York produc-

tion company that staged *On Your Toes*, its president, and the makers of the scenery.

The accident occurred on December 18, 1982, when Makarova, a former star of the Kirov Ballet who defected from the Soviet Union in 1970, was making her musical comedy debut.

In the Rodgers and Hart musical she played the lead role, a temperamental ballerina in a Soviet dance troupe visiting New York.

**IT MAY** be easier to find a cure for cancer than to put an end to the pack of lies, cunning and falsifications known as *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

The infamous anti-Semitic book crops up like poisonous mushrooms in the most unexpected places.

A recent issue of *The Jewish Review*, an organ of the Federation of Jewish communities in Yugoslavia, protests the appearance in Belgrade of parts of the *Protocols* in the semi-official weekly *Ilustrovana Politika*.

They are quoted as excerpts from Mihajlo Popovski's book, *The Mysterious World of Freemasons*, and publication inspired anonymous calls, letters and threats to members of the Yugoslav Jewish community.

The Federation's appeal to official government bodies to stop the anti-Semitic propaganda was ignored. A.Z.

ON DECEMBER 23, 1983, exactly 13 years after the Leningrad trials, a symposium was held in Jerusalem on "The Ways of Struggle for Soviet Jewry." The symposium was organized by the Public Council for Soviet Jewry. The constantly reiterated leit motif was that "to make wider, deeper, stronger" the struggle against Soviet authorities must be made "wider, deeper, stronger" so that they would be forced to reopen the gates for the Jews.

Such an appeal to action in this direction seems to me untimely today, as it demands serious preparatory work. I am convinced that in the situation that has been created in recent years over Jewish emigration, the Soviet authorities would not open the gates under any external pressure. And this is why.

The Soviet regime, in spite of its brutality and inhumanity, has periodically recognized the right of repatriation to their homeland for different minorities in the Soviet Union. It was so with Spaniards who came to the USSR after the defeat of the Republic in the 1936-39 war and were allowed to return to Spain in the '50s. It was so with Greeks who found themselves in the USSR after World War II and were permitted to leave soon after. It was so with Germans who were returned in accordance with the agreement with Chancellor Adenauer.

And so it came about with Jews, when Premier Kosygin promised in 1966, during his visit to Paris, to allow Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel in the framework of family reunion. This thesis was officially confirmed at the beginning of the '70s, and still remains the only formula accepted in legal proceedings in the USSR. Under this formula, a quarter of a million Soviet Jews received permission to leave USSR in the last 13 years.

THE EXODUS MOVEMENT was begun by young Zionists who came to the conclusion that the only thing for Jews to do was to leave the country and not to try to improve conditions for Jews in the USSR. The Zionists, who wished to go only to Israel, were joined by others. They, too, originally chose Israel, but later on they transferred their sights to the U.S.

The movement of the '70s was a spontaneous, internally-inspired movement, unexpected in the West, including Israel, and was therefore called a "miracle."

As the years went by, the miracle aliyah was transformed into a regular emigration to the West and the Soviet authorities issued several warnings about "drop-outs" en route to what was officially declared to be Israel. Their proportion rose to

80-90 per cent and eventually Jewish emigration was stopped.

It is possible to explain the policy of the Soviet authorities. While the Soviet Jews were eager to go to "their Israel," permission for their emigration did not create big problems for the authorities. Abnormal Jews leaving the Soviet Union for "explosive" Israel, surrounded by enemies, did not arouse envy in other minorities; but the situation altered when Soviet Jews changed their direction and rushed to the U.S. The Soviet authorities found themselves posed with a question: why should only Jews have the privilege of emigrating from poor USSR to rich America, and not Ukrainians and Lithuanians, who have millions of relatives in Canada and the U.S.? But the main point is that the emigration from the Soviet Union to the West (and according to Moscow, Israel does not belong to the West) is contrary to official Soviet ideology and therefore must not be permitted.

I will only touch lightly on the envy felt by a wide circle of Soviet bureaucrats. It is a known fact that for every Soviet diplomat, military expert, party functionary, etc., a trip abroad, especially to the U.S., even for a limited business trip, is a great privilege, viciously fought over. At the same time, it was relatively easy for Jews to get permission to emigrate and to get to America to live. Many people may not agree with me, but this is the reality: the USSR did not and will not recognize, did not and will not allow, free emigration of Soviet people, Jews included, to the West. (One should not give too much importance to the fact that the Soviet Union put its signature to the Helsinki Agreement.)

THERE IS therefore no sense today in investing efforts in the struggle for free emigration from the Soviet Union. This struggle is doomed because it is a struggle against the ideology of a regime where concessions cannot be expected. The Soviet authorities would not open the gates to Soviet Jews until they are convinced that

# REOPENING THE GATES

By VICTOR POLSKY

they wish to go to Israel. Therefore it is possible to save Soviet Jews from probably dangerous developments in the regime only if they want or decide to go to Israel. This must be brought to the notice of Soviet Jews, so that they understand that emigration to Israel is the only possible way for them to leave the Soviet Union.

On the other hand, it is not desirable that emigration to Israel should be regarded by Soviet Jews as a cruel and unavoidable necessity. Their attitude must be changed to a positive one, and this can only be achieved by improving the absorption process in this country. Unfortunately, this has been seriously impaired in recent years (and not only for Soviet Jews), largely as a result of the "contribution" of the former minister of absorption, David Levy. His vicious thesis, stop absorption de luxe (as if it ever existed), his policy of sending newcomers only to development areas, regardless of employment prospects, resulted in a very negative reaction, both by new and potential olim.

Even now, more than two years since he ceased to be minister of absorption, Levy continues, as minister of housing, to create difficulties for olim by not transferring unoccupied apartments (of which at present there are 80,000 in the country) from the Housing to the Absorption Ministry. It is thanks to Mr. Levy that thousands of olim continue to live in absorption centres for several years. The difficulties with apartments for olim is not a secret for Soviet Jews and any improvement in the situation would encourage the hesitant to come to Israel.

No less important is the necessity to change the attitude to olim in the country. Very little has been done about this in the past 10 years. The media have not given enough information about the contribution of olim to the development of the country, about the thousands of doctors and engineers, the hundreds of scientists and musicians who have come to live in Israel. There is therefore a feeling among the population that the state (i.e., everyone) gives to

aliya more than it gets from it. That aliya is a burden to the state and not an enrichment. No attempt has been made to correct this misapprehension by means of mass information.

Unfortunately, the neglect of aliya comes from the top. Prime ministers (Rabin, Begin), and other top-level ministers have not displayed any real interest in aliya problems. The atmosphere in the Knesset is disastrous. Debates on the subject are very rare and are conducted with almost no audience. Admittedly the process of absorption cannot be easy, but it is possible either to simplify or to complicate it. And, unfortunately, some recent government actions have made the process even harder, which certainly does not make immigration to Israel more attractive.

FROM ALL THIS it is clear that before starting an international campaign for the opening of the gates of the Soviet Union, it is necessary to put our own house in order, to improve the conditions and the atmosphere for the reception of olim.

Another condition for the rebirth of aliya is a new awakening of the national consciousness of Jews, as happened at the beginning of the '70s. The rebirth of aliya will be only possible if a considerable number of Jews express willingness to come to Israel, or at least do not oppose it.

One can, of course, point to the economic situation in Israel, compare it with that in the U.S. and throw up one's hands. But in 1971-73 the situation in the U.S. was also much better than in Israel, and yet during the Yom Kippur War more than a hundred olim arrived here daily. I believe that motivation is more important than economic calculations. That is why it is so important to inform Soviet Jews by means of radio broadcasts about all the positive aspects of Israel, and to counteract the false and hostile Soviet anti-Israel propaganda.

Our efforts must also be directed to convincing the U.S. to abandon the absurd policy of bestowing re-

fugee status on Soviet Jews who declare their wish to go to Israel, leave the country with Israeli visas and are practically guaranteed Israeli citizenship.

Undoubtedly, as in the past, there will be those who oppose this suggestion, ardent upholders of democracy, who will consider this a move against freedom of choice and personal freedom. The reply to them is very simple: there are no other rules of the game yet. The rules suggested by the partner to the game are quite blunt: "You want Jewish emigration from the USSR? Let them go to Israel. Jewish emigration to the States will not be tolerated." It must be now be clear to everybody that the Soviet authorities have not left us (and Soviet Jews) any choice. Jews can accept the rules and ensure Jewish emigration from the USSR, or reject them and leave Soviet Jews in the Soviet Union, accepting whatever potential danger that may imply.

IN THEIR ATTEMPT to persuade the U.S. to stop giving *nashim* refugee status, our government will meet resistance from certain circles in American Jewry who are more concerned about their own interests than those of the State of Israel. The U.S. administration will not want to come into conflict with those circles over the question of Soviet Jewry, and the onus is therefore on Israel to provide Washington with the answers for those communities that insist on granting refugee status to drop-outs.

Here is one: Permits for entry to Israel, provided by the Dutch Embassy in Moscow, should be followed by the automatic registration of Israeli citizenship on every exit visa.

Such a procedure would probably arouse some dissatisfaction among emigrants at the beginning, but would be accepted in future as inevitable. A person who would not agree to receive Israeli citizenship would thus make a voluntary decision on another course of action from the start.

Of all the measures necessary for opening the gates of the USSR for Soviet Jews that have been discussed in this article, the most important, to my mind, is a revival of Zionist motivation among Soviet Jews. If the Soviet authorities once again start receiving letters from Jewish citizens demanding that they permit emigration to Israel, and those letters end with the words, "Israel or death!" as did the famous letter of the 18 families, we can be sure that there will be a new wave of aliya. We have to be ready to meet it properly.

Dr. Polsky is a prominent former Soviet aliya activist.

## READERS' LETTERS

### A GREAT LOSS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — I recently was "invited" to take the preventive driving course by Israel's Ministry of Transportation, Highway Traffic Department. Let me say at once it was the best show in town, so much so that midway during the six-lecture course when it became apparent that I was no longer obliged to continue the course, I did so because, in addition to being instructive, it was so entertaining and enlightening about an important segment of society with whom I come in contact all too infrequently. I refer to the truck drivers, bus drivers, and cab drivers, Jew and Arab alike.

Our teacher, Ehud Zimring, a devoted employee of the ministry, brought to his task as lecturer many sterling qualities, above, all a passionate concern for improving the qualities of courtesy, patience and forbearance in which Israeli drivers are deficient. In addition to the crowded highways, vintage cars, heavily overtaxed replacement parts, narrow roads and inadequate highway budgets, it is the human quality that impels the average Israeli driver to claim his priority at all costs, which disturbed Ehud.

The truck, bus and cab drivers all waited impatiently to go on stage each evening, with colourful and long-winded accounts of their highway escapades, near escapes, brilliant solutions to crises caused by other brainless lugs. A lesser man than Ehud Zimring would have been swamped. Physically slight, he commanded their respect, could quiet a shouting match without raising his voice, knew every sinner in the class by first name, and treated the most rambunctious of them with the respect due a fellow human being. He also managed to get his point across each evening.

My neighbour for half the course was a senior professor of biology at an Israeli university. More than once he said to me: "My profession is teaching... and I can tell you, there is a born teacher."

A week ago, Ehud Zimring's picture appeared in the Israeli press. It was he who, as a medic, rushed to the aid of one of the victims of the terror attack on King George Street in Jerusalem on April 2. Bending over a victim to give first aid, he himself was hit by a terrorist's bullets and, after lingering on for three weeks in an unconscious state, he died at the age of 35, leaving a widow and three young children. He also left behind countless classes of Arab and Jewish drivers who benefited by his teaching, and more importantly, were touched by his warmth, his love and his commitment.

### BEWARE OF GENERALS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Israeli political parties confirm the fact that, in order to enhance their popularity, they tend to look for "popular" and known figures and invariably believe they have to find them among generals. The Alignment started the process with Allon, Dayan and Narkis and continued it with Rabin, Gur and Bar-Lev. The Likud has today Sharon and in the past used the "good" services of Weizman and Dayan.

Now Tebiha has also turned to a general, Eitan, and Weizman has started a party of his own which, apparently, has some more generals among its members. We are slowly but surely turning into a kind of Latin-American state and soon we may well have a junta all our own.

Nobody seems to see the danger and those who do, don't seem to care that this state of affairs constitutes a danger to democracy. A military man cannot stop thinking and acting as one, and Sharon is the latest proof of it. When faced with an opponent, read enemy, one does battle, no matter if it is good or bad for the party or for the country as a whole. In no army is anything done in a democratic way, so generals do not think along democratic lines.

All political parties who turn to generals in order to enhance their popularity in the eyes of the voter are endangering our democracy.

We have so many experts on economy, industry, welfare, education and other matters, that we don't have to turn to generals in order to bring us peace and stability.

MORDECHAI B. DESSAUR  
Rishon LeZion.

**KRISTALLNACHT**  
To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — In "Curtain call" of April 20, your critic writes: "Last year was the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht..."

Kristallnacht occurred in November 1938 in Germany and Austria and last year was the 45th anniversary of Kristallnacht, although it was the 50th anniversary of Hitler's ascent to power.

HANSI NATHAN  
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**RETRAINING FOR ALIYA**  
To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Israel, like many other countries, is faced with a glut of academics — graduates in the field of humanities — who place a strain on an already shaky economy. With spiralling inflation, and increasing unemployment, surely it is the responsibility of the Jewish Agency to encourage prospective olim to equip themselves with the necessary trades and technical skills that would make them valuable assets to Israeli society. Israel would be better served by more tradespeople and technicians than by more of the above-mentioned academics.

JULIUS NADEL  
Sydney, Australia

### THE TORA-LOYALIST CAMP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — The historic role played by the Mizrahi movement in the regeneration of modern Israel is hardly open to challenge. Its message appears to carry an even greater urgency today, what with the evident decay of secular Zionism, which even the wizardry of (Amos) Oz is unable to transform. Concern over the gradual dismemberment of the NRP is thus widely felt to transcend the narrow limits of party interest.

The blatant failure of the present framework to encompass more than a shrinking segment of this vast constituency renders the search for alternative formats unavoidable. Cosmetic treatment or plastic surgery might possibly impress enough veteran support to accord a temporary respite for the present hierarchy; it will not carry the younger generation.

Before venturing into the realm of specifics, it is perhaps as well to realise that no single platform is

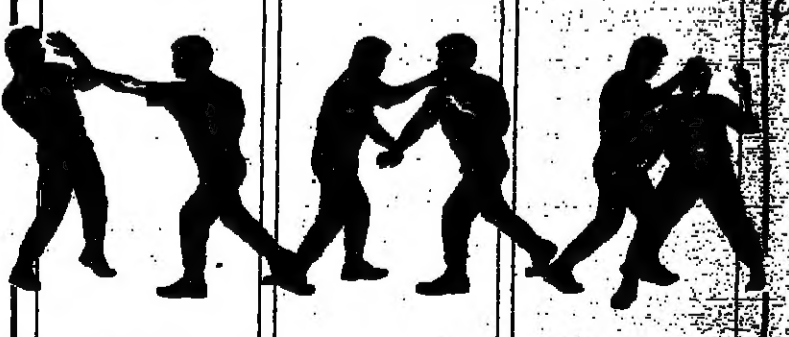
broad enough to accommodate the divergent opinions on national issues held within the Tora-loyalist camp. An artificial parade of unity will shed more at the rim than it can siphon at the hub. There is a factual bifurcation of votes, the "left" naturally gravitating towards the Alignment and the "right" towards the Likud. Already, these outgroups bear the traditional constituency of the NRP.

It is the challenge of the hour for the leaders on either wing to weld this amorphous mass of committed Jews into a politically articulate instrument within the two major party configurations — acting as a lobby or issued of joint interest. The existence of an extensive floating vote in the middle will induce both parties to "behave themselves" in safeguarding the minimal Jewish requirements that constitute a *conditio sine qua non* of corporate existence in the State of Israel.

AVNER TOMASCHOFF  
Jerusalem.

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by Col. David Ben-Asher  
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